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SUBJECT: AFP INTERVIEW WITH MME. BINH

1. ADDRESSEES HAVE PRESUMABLY SEEN FEBRUARY 12 INTERVIEW OF MME. NGUYEN THI BINH WITH SERGE DE GUNZBURG OF AFP. BINH WAS QUESTIONED ON RELATIONS WITH FRANCE PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC AND AID MATTERS. SHE SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE NOW GOING ON CONCERNING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS INCLUDING CONCESSIONS FOR PETROLEUM PROSPECTING. AS FOR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, SHE SAID, "WE ARE FULFILLING OUR ENGAGEMENTS. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD DO THE SAME". BINH CALLED PARTICULARLY FOR THE RAISING OF THE EMBARGO AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 21. "WE BELIEVE THAT THE ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT SHOULD BE RESPECTED, EVEN IF CERTAIN CLAUSES ARE NOW OUT OF DATE".

2. QUAI VIETNAM DESK OFFICER SAID THAT THERE WERE NO SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS NOW GOING ON BETWEEN FRANCE AND VIETNAM, ONLY ROUTINE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES AND FOREIGN MINISTRIES. THERE WILL LATER BE FRENCH DELEGATIONS GOING TO HANOI FOR ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS.

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